

MIKE'S BIKE

Mike watched with envy as Eddie and Joe climbed onto their bikes. Mike knew how Eddie and Joe [up/ had/ to] gotten their bikes. Eddie had begged [sat/ his/ rid] parents until he got a bright [yellow/ winter/ banner] racing bike for his birthday. Joe [for/ kite/ had] pleaded until a blue ten speed [fort/ bike/ rate] showed up under the Christmas tree. Mike [cold/ tried/ drive] begging and pleading with his parents [get/ the/ but] he still did not have a [tale/ bike/ were]. The two boys waved merrily at Mike [no/ of/ as] they headed for home. Mike walked [yellow/ slowly/ result] toward home with his head hung [for/ was/ low]. "It's not fair that Eddie and Joe [can/ for/ ate] have a bike and I can't," thought Mike.

Mike slammed [sat/ the/ red] back door when he got to [best/ the/ open] house. "I'm home," he said in [of/ it/ a] loud, unhappy voice. His mother came into [the/ you/ run] kitchen. "Why do you have a [for/ wait/ sad] face?" Mike's mother asked. "How come Eddie [and/ late/ pen] Joe have new bikes and I [until/ don't/ rest]?" Mike said with a pout. "Oh, [kit/ are/ the] you still mad about that?" asked [out/ was/ his] mother. "Well, if you really want [is/ a/ or] bike, maybe you need to earn [some/ bean/ when] money to buy one. You know [give/ your/ save] father and I don't have enough [jump/ money/ their] to buy you a bike."

Mike [lay/ bond/ for] on his bed, munching his cookies [do/ race/ and] thinking about what Mom had said. "[Keep/ Maybe/ Them] I should get a job and [buy/ vast/ tell] my own bike," he thought. "I'm [careful/ thanks/ pretty] good at

mowing lawns, so maybe I [camp/ weave/ could] mow people's lawns to make some [joke/ money/ grow]." The more Mike thought about the [from/ idea/ was], the better he liked it. "I'll [buy/ not/ vat] my own bike and show Eddie [pot/ eat/ and] Joe who has the nicest bike [as/ or/ in] town."

The next day, Mike went [fair/ from/ ease] door to door in his neighborhood. [Is/ At/ My] each house, he gave the neighbor [in/ it/ a] slip of paper with his name, [down/ given/ phone] number, and price list for lawn services [on/ up/ red] it. Soon, the phone began to [nape/ does/ ring] and Mike found that lots of [helpful/ people/ shower] wanted their grass mowed or their [always/ hedge/ lower] cut for a good price. Mike [came/ lane/ dove] home each evening dirty and hot, [but/ inn/ ray] with more money in his pocket [ear/ for/ cool] a bike.

At last, the summer [tool/ came/ tooth] to an end. Mike pulled the [your/ punch/ money] box from underneath his bed and [accent/ sanded/ counted] up all of the money he [dog/ had/ sun] earned. "Mom, guess what," Mike yelled [from/ cave/ any] his bedroom. "I earned \$100.00 this [summer/ nipped/ driven]!" Mom took Mike down to the [once/ bike/ live] shop that afternoon and Mike picked [out/ low/ too] a big, red ten speed bicycle. Mike [have/ felt/ nose] very proud. At last he could [ghost/ soon/ ride] bikes with his friends and not [some/ keep/ have] to walk home. Best of all, [he/ go/ on] had paid for his bike with [money/ heavy/ heart] he had earned himself.